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Claims 1 to 7 as set forth in Appendix I of this paper are currently pending in this case. Claim 8 has been canceled and Claim 3 has been amended as indicated.

Accordingly, applicants have revised the wording of Claim 3 as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

In light of the foregoing and the attached it is respectfully requested that the rejection

- of Claims 3 and 8 under Section 112, ¶2, and
- of Claim 8 under Section 103(a),

be withdrawn. Favorable action is solicited.

Moreover, in light of the foregoing and the attached the application should now be in condition for allowance. Early action by the Examiner would be greatly appreciated.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Encl.: THE LISTING OF CLAIMS (Appendix I)

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